

Miller Peninsula Centennial Dedication Project Alternative Park Development and Conservation Concepts

During the past nine months, Washington State Parks has begun planning for a new park at Miller Peninsula and redevelopment of Sequim Bay State Park, near the City of Sequim. The goal of this multi-year initiative is to open the system's newest park in time for its centennial celebration in 2013.

The first step in this process is to craft a compelling vision for the park, name it, and identify potential recreation and conservation opportunities to include in the planning and design process.

In February 2006, State Parks held the first in a series of public workshops toward this end. At this initial meeting, participants suggested their ideas for park development along with other hopes and concerns they had about the project. Planners have now incorporated these ideas into a series of alternative park development and conservation concepts for public review and input.

The pages that follow include a series of panels describing core assumptions and four alternative concepts to guide park planning. The first panel outlines elements common to all concepts, while the remaining panels, *Family/ Group Retreat*, *Accessible Wilderness*, *Adventure Sports*, and *Cultural Campus*, describe four distinct kinds of parks and examples of the recreation and conservation opportunities each might provide.

Park planners will present this information, answer questions, and solicit input at public planning workshop scheduled for October 26, 2006, 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M., at the Carrie Blake Park Guy Cole Convention Center, 202 N. Blake St. in Sequim. This information has been posted to give participants (you) an opportunity to review materials in advance and bring your preferences and ideas to the public workshop. If you are unable to attend the public workshop, please provide your comments via e-mail:

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Agency staff anticipates holding a third public workshop in January 2007, to receive input on a single, more refined park vision and potential park names. Staff then intends to bring a finalized vision and name to the State Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration and adoption at its scheduled March 8, 2007 meeting in Castle Rock.

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CORE ELEMENTS

All concept options will embody the following principles:

Promote open space, conservation and restoration of natural areas

- Park design should target a development footprint between 10-20% of the total site
- Potentially set aside 80% of the total site area from development (not including trails)
- Protect natural areas, cultural sites, and recreational features
- Identify and protect priority wildlife habitats and species (e.g., eagles nesting sites)
- Identify and protect priority plant communities
- Explore opportunities for enhancement of natural processes

Sustainable design and green management practices

- All new buildings shall target a LEED Silver rating
- Minimize water and energy use
- Utilize reclaimed water
- Promote waste reduction and recycling
- Creative stormwater management
- Minimize impervious area
- Minimize irrigated lawns – utilize native plantings
- Use clean energy systems where possible
- Utilize environmentally friendly products and techniques where possible
- Foster continued education and stewardship

All concept options will provide the following program elements:

1. *Overnight accommodations*
2. *Day use facilities*
3. *Trails and trailheads*
4. *Trail connection to Olympic Discovery Trail system*
5. *Park administration and maintenance facilities*
6. *Partnerships with non-profits and businesses to provide recreational and other public amenities and services*



FAMILY/GROUP RETREAT

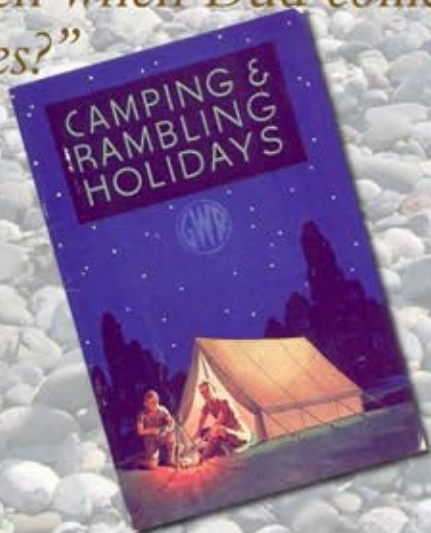
Creating Connections

Program could include:

- Family/group activities, programs
- Cabins/camping/RV
- Beachcombing, picnicking, horseshoes, volleyball, walking
- Campfire programs
- Group facility/meeting space
- S'mores

Range of lodging/camping options, with resource-based programs and activities for the family or group. Multi-generational.

Max and Sarah ran breathlessly up the wooden porch stairs. "Grandpa, Grandpa, can we go to the beach when Dad comes back from playing horse-shoes?"



CULTURAL CAMPUS

A learning center, emphasizing natural / cultural history and interpretation

Program could include:

- Public art
- Native American Museum/Center
- Interpretive Center
- Cultural/Historical Museum
- Retreat Center

A destination learning campus of a variety of learning/exhibit/conference facilities. Centralized lodging and services.

Susan walked the few hundred yards from her cabin, leaving with enough time to stop and enjoy the views of Protection Island before her afternoon gallery tour.



ACCESSIBLE WILDERNESS

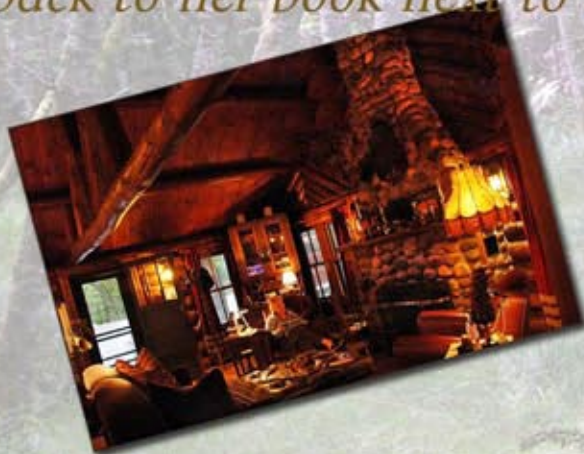
Comfort and Exploration in a Natural Setting

Program could include:

- Hiking/trails
- Birdwatching
- Interpretation
- Learning
- Discovery

A core of lodging and amenities, with a restored/enhanced park for low-impact exploration and education.

After the long walk along the beach from Thompson Spit and then up the hill through Spruce Canyon, Margaret could hardly wait to get back to her book next to the lodge fireplace.



ADVENTURE SPORTS

Resource-based health / fitness / adventure

Program could include:

- Kayaking
- Biking
- Climbing
- Hiking/trail running
- Horseback riding
- Exercise/spa/athletics

A variety of active sport venues taking full advantage of site resources. Lodging options, distributed around park.

“Dude, I just took the gnarliest ride down the north ridge. This new bike almost dumped me into the nettles a couple of times . . .”

